

Downtown

Downtown Sunnyvale has experienced a resurgence of activity during the last several years and is anticipating more in the near future. The renewal of the area's vitality is a result of concentrated efforts and a commitment to making Downtown a strong, viable city center. The City anticipates an opening date in 2009 for the Town Center Project and the Town and Country Redevelopment. The City Council has placed high priority on developing Downtown Sunnyvale. In support of that focused priority, 18 projects are included in the Downtown component. Of that total, 13 are currently funded.

Major Downtown Projects

The City Council previously authorized expenditure of approximately \$1.5 million for major Downtown renovation projects. The sale last year of City land to the developer of the Town and Country site provided an additional \$8.5 million, a portion of which can be used for Downtown improvements. The proposed Projects Budget includes the following Downtown projects:

Construction Mitigation. To fund oversight of private development and outreach to Downtown businesses

and residents to address problems anticipated in the construction of the Town Center Project and the Town and Country Redevelopment.

Sunnyvale Avenue Median. The developer of the Town Center Project will construct a new landscaped median on Sunnyvale Avenue between Iowa Avenue and Washington Avenue. In approving the Special Development Permit for this project, Council agreed to bear half of the cost of this public improvement, up to a maximum of \$750,000.

Downtown Wayfinding and Gateways. This project combines the former project numbers 825590, 825720, and 900273 into a single project for signage and gateway features to assist the public in navigating to and within the Downtown.

Murphy Avenue Streetscape Revitalization. The project combines the former project numbers 825770, 825780, 900288, and 900293 and is expanded to accomplish much of the Murphy Avenue Streetscape Plan approved by the City Council in November 2005. The City also applied to the Metropolitan Transportation Authority for a grant to support this effort. If received, the grant would reduce the City contribution to the project and/or allow more improvements recommended in the *Downtown Plan*.

Traffic Signal Modification. This represents the City's share of \$1.6 million of traffic signal improvements in the Downtown area to improve the operation and aesthetics of the entire system. The improvements will be constructed by the Town Center developer, who will pay \$875,000 of the project costs.

Plaza del Sol—Phase II. This project will complete Plaza del Sol, including water features, public restrooms, additional landscaping, and covering the garage ramp, as well as other features to improve its attractiveness for public use. Funding for Phase II will be from Park Dedication Fees, some of which will be generated by the nearly 700 new residential units to be built in Downtown.

Hazardous Materials Remediation in Town Center. Investigations have revealed that the soil in the Town Center site, much of which is owned by the Redevelopment Agency, are contaminated by hazardous materials released by former Downtown dry cleaning establishments. The Redevelopment Agency and the developer will share costs for this remediation. Funding will be from Redevelopment Agency Tax Increment.

Washington Avenue & Mathilda Avenue Intersection Improvements. This represents the City's share of a \$998,000 project to add a westbound left turn lane to this critical intersection. The Town Center developer

will build the improvement and pay the remaining \$661,174. The City's share is drawn from a previous contribution by the Mozart Office Project toward the improvement of the intersection.

Murphy/Evelyn Sewer Improvements. This project will replace 1,260 linear feet of a 50-year-old sanitary sewer and service connections that serve the 100 block of S. Murphy Avenue. The sewer will be increased in capacity from 8" diameter to 14" diameter to accommodate increased flow due to the Town Center Project. The project will be funded by the Wastewater Management Fund.

Town Center Construction Permitting. This project will pay for the City's plan review and inspection of the Town Center Project. Of the total project cost, \$399,000 is allocated to Public Works, \$494,289 to the Building Division of Community Development, and \$110,724 to the Fire Prevention Division of Public Safety. Funds will be from the General Fund, fully reimbursed by permit fees paid by the developer.

Additional Downtown Projects

Five additional Downtown projects have not been funded in the recommended FY 2007/2008 Projects Budget. Three others were deleted or included in an existing project.

Frances Street Parking Lot Enhancements. This project would improve landscaping and provide a better pedestrian connection through the surface parking lot from Plaza del Sol to the 100 block of South Murphy Avenue. This project may be funded by a future grant.

Block 18 Completion. This project would complete streetscape improvements along the Mathilda Avenue and Iowa Avenue frontages at the Bank of the West site. This project may be funded by future private redevelopment.

Neighborhood Traffic Mitigation. The developer of the Town Center Project would install features to discourage cut-through traffic in residential neighborhoods south of Iowa Avenue and east of Sunnyvale Avenue. The remaining features on the west side of Mathilda Avenue may be installed by developers of properties fronting on Mathilda Avenue.

Downtown Specific Transportation Improvements. The *Downtown Specific Transportation Plan* seeks to provide a common vision for downtown, define a unique market niche, and bring together elements to create a vibrant, cohesive place. Promoting a balanced street system that serves all users regardless of their mode of travel is a primary goal of the Plan. To that end, a menu of transportation system enhancements is

included in the Plan. These projects would move into the capital budget as outside funding resources are secured.

Public Parking Structure. This project is proposed to meet anticipated parking demand in Downtown, which is projected to exceed supply by 100-150 spaces in the peak hours during the peak season. The project cost does not include any required land acquisition. Funding for this project is undetermined and will be reevaluated after a parking demand study is conducted.

Wireless Service in Downtown. This project has been completed at no cost to the City and the project was deleted.

Tivoli Lights on Murphy Avenue. This project is proposed to be funded by the Downtown Business Improvement District and the project has been deleted.

Outdoor Cinema. This project will be considered as part of Plaza del Sol Phase II and was deleted.

Table III and Table IV, which appear on the following page, present the listing of the Downtown projects. Project information sheets providing the details for each project appear on the following pages.

Table III
FY 2007/2008
Downtown -- Funded

Project #:	Description	Type	Project #:	Description	Type
820610	Downtown Area Maintenance	Capital	824700	Downtown Parking Maintenance	Special
825581	Plaza del Sol Phase II	Capital		Assessment	
826700	Town Center Site Investigation/Remediation	Capital	824940	Murphy Avenue Tree Lights Maintenance	Special
826790	Sunnyvale Avenue Median from Iowa Ave. to Washington Ave.	Capital	826620	Town Center Construction - Public Works Services	Special
826800	Downtown Wayfinding and Gateways	Capital	826630	Town Center Construction - Building Safety Services	Special
826810	Downtown Murphy Avenue Streetscape Revitalization	Capital	826640	Town Center Construction - Fire Prevention Services	Special
826820	Town Center Traffic Signal Modifications	Capital			
826780	Downtown-Related Construction Mitigation	Special			

Table IV
FY 2007/2008
Downtown -- Unfunded

Project #:	Description	Type	Project #:	Description	Type
900149	Downtown Specific Plan Transportation Improvements	Capital	900290	Streetscape Improvements For Downtown Block 18 Completion	Capital
900226	Downtown Public Parking Structure	Capital	900293	Frances Street Parking Lot Enhancements	Capital
900274	Downtown Neighborhood Traffic Mitigation Features	Capital			